

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, December 7, 2009 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Led by Veteran's Agent Anton Materna
MOS
Elizabeth Roberts 23 year Library Trustee
&
Pearl Harbor Deceased Veterans**

1. OPEN FORUM

~Citation presented by Anton Materna to Sgt. Andrew Carlson for his service to the U.S.in Iraq

~Presentation by Dan Biggins and Kyle Lynch to Anton Materna of \$281.00 raised by sale of hot dogs at The Holiday Stroll to the Veteran's Memorial Fund at the Union Street and Water Streets intersection the McGoun-Biggins Funeral Home also matched the donation with an additional \$281.00.

~Presentation by Anton Materna of the 2nd place trophy for best float to the "Sassy Lassies" of the Rockland Red Hat Society. The Red Hat Ladies asked the trophy be displayed at Town Hall.

~Pam Murphy, thanked town employees and volunteers for all their help with the Holiday Stroll. Especially thanked the Eagles, Knights of Columbus, State Rep. Nyman, and Senator Morrissey for being the largest donators. Ms. Murphy indicated a need to host a couple of fundraisers in the future to support the Holiday Stroll. She also thanked the BOS.

~Charlie Kimball expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed National Health Bill. He also opposed the borrowing of funds from Social Security.

2. Open Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2009

Motion by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. BAT BUS update

Selectman O'Brien updated the BOS on the status of BAT Bus services. Rockland can expect bus service to begin in January or early February 2010. There will be two(2) loop routes, the first on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from Rockland to Stop and Shop, to Wal Mart, to Brockton and the reverse 5 times on those days(M,W,F). The second route on Tuesday, and Thursday from Rockland to Stop and Shop, to Trucchi's, to South Shore Hospital, to Stetson Medical Center and the reverse 4 times each day(T,TH). Door to door service available with 24 hour notice.

Fares would be \$2.00 each way and \$1.00 each way for seniors, children under 5 and disabled. This program will be at no cost to the taxpayers, the Rockland contribution will come from the cherry sheet assessment.

4. Community Dev. Strategic Update-Wayne Darragh V. P. Community Opportunities Group, Inc.

Wayne Darragh provided the BOS with an update regarding previous projects and spoke at length regarding future needs of Rockland. The BOS must start to discuss target areas and projects it would like to be addressed. Mr. Darragh outlined the difference between the CDBG grants, target areas, PWED eligibility and other possible funding sources for redevelopment and economic projects.

Mr. Darragh updated the BOS on the status of the sidewalk grant for Union Street and the effort underway to redirect the ADA money from the grant to the Community Center elevator project.

He also requested the BOS review the prioritized projects section of current plan.

5. Conflict of Interest Law Update

The entire BOS signed receipts of the latest Conflict of Interest Law update and were advised to complete the on-line test regarding and print the receipt.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Classification Hearing

A presentation was made to the BOS by Asst. Assessor Appraiser Robert Brinkman and Dennis Robson Chairman of the Board of Assessors. The BOS was provided an explanation of options available to Rockland regarding Classification of property. The BOA recommended maintaining single tax rate for residential and commercial property.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to maintain a single rate passed 5-0.

7. Appointment(s)

Mr. Chiocca announced openings on the School Building Committee and on the Board of Library Trustees.

8. License Renewals

Common Victualler Licenses – new managers

- 1. Yanni's Pizza – 930 Hingham Street (new manager Vasilios Botsaris)
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**
- 2. China Taste – 928 Hingham Street (new manager Joseph Tsao)
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

Automatic Amusement License

- 1. Old Colony VFW – 22 Church Street**
- 2. TKO Shea's – 932-934 Hingham Street**
- 3. Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, Inc. – 86 VFW Drive
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

Class I License

- 1. F & S Trailer Sales, Inc. – 276 Weymouth Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.**

Class II License

- 1. M & S Auto Repairs – 258 Union Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.**

Common Victualler License

- 1. Anita Marie's Coffee Shop – 349 Union Street**
- 2. TKO Shea's – 932-934 Hingham Street**
- 3. Metro Pizza & Grill – 343 Centre Avenue**
- 4. Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, Inc. – 86 VFW Drive
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.**

Entertainment Licenses

- 1. Old Colony VFW – 22 Church Street**
- 2. TKO Shea's – 932-934 Hingham Street**
- 3. Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, Inc. – 86 VFW Drive**

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Lodging Licenses

1. **5 Union Street Trust – 5 Union Street**
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.
2. **DDE Property Management – 92 Church Street –TABLED**

Hawker & Peddler License

1. **Tiffany Flowers - 15 Johnson Terrace**
Feb 13/14; April 3/4; May 8/9
~Motion to approve by Mr. Simpson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, passed 3-2(Zupkofska and Chaffee).

All Alcohol-Common Victualler

1. **TKO Shea's – 932-934 Hingham Street**
2. **Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, Inc. – 86 VFW Drive**
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

All Alcohol-Package

1. **Cote' Maison Liquors – 347 Market Street**
2. **Fast Lane Liquors & Grocery #2 – 924-926 Hingham Street**
3. **Lukes Liquors – 167 Market Street**
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.
4. **South Shore Package – 328 Union Street-TABLED**

Wine & Malt – Package

1. **One Stop Mart – 339 Centre Avenue**
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

Wine & Malt – Common Victualler

1. **999 Triple Nine Thai Restaurant – 100 Market Street**
2. **Themis Pizza – 488 Market Street**
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

9. **BUDGET**

Mr. Chiocca presented a budget recommendation to BOS which essentially reflected a level funding for each department with few exceptions reflecting increases as a result of the May 2009 override for those foundation budgets and changes made at the recent Special Town Meeting. Other changes included projections based on information from Plymouth County. Mr. Chiocca indicated he would provide the BOS with the number he used for his revenue forecast.

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to table the budget until next meeting passed 5-0.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to separate the costs of the benefits for elected officials from the budget, failed 2-3(Simpson, Chaffee and O'Brien).

31. CORRESPONDENCE–TA Chiocca

~Mr. Chiocca reminded residents of the Firefighter's *Toys for Tots* program

~Will check with Peter Ewell regarding Boy Scout Coat Drive

~Announced Lions Club Tree and Wreath Sale on Sat. 7/12 and Sun. 7/13

~Thank You to Sandra Tessar Art Director at the H.S., and students Elize Soper and Scott Shea for decorative work on the windows and the tree at Town Hall.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Simpson read the following statement: Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

~Ms. O'Brien ~

-Commented on The Holiday Stroll

-Mentioned the Lions Club Santa breakfast

~Mr. Johnson~

-Thanked Sgt. Carlson for his service to the country

-Thanked McGoun-Biggins Funeral Home for their donation to the Vets Memorial

-Thanked Pam Murphy and everyone who contributed to The Holiday Stroll especially the downtown businesses for opening their doors.

-Requested volunteers for committee openings

~Mr. Zupkofska~

-Hopes everyone had a great Thanksgiving

-The Holiday Stroll was a good time

-Enjoyed the H.S. Drama Club play

- Attended the School Building Committee Meeting

-Mentioned the recent Fire Department Grant Award

-Discussed of the process of hiring practices

~Mr. Chaffee~

- Appreciated the efforts everyone involved with the Holiday Stroll and especially Walgreen's for taking the Santa photos
- Discussed School Building Committee
- Congratulated the Rockland H.S. Football team and the soccer teams, and cheerleading squad.
- Congratulated Coach Robert Fisher for induction into to the Coach's Hall of Fame.
- Discussed the efforts by Highway Supt. Corvi , TA Chiocca and himself to keep the Salem Street project funded and of a upcoming meeting with Mass Highway.
- Discussed the budget process

~Mr. Simpson~

- The Holiday Stroll was excellent, next year we should work to include the businesses south of Water Street.
- Meeting with Chamber of Committee regarding Derby Street Shoppes expansion plans
- Requested volunteers to serve on the Charter Committee.
- Discussed the Finance Committee responsibilities and involvement in budget processes

Chairman Simpson adjourned meeting.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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